

**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2010
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Marks, Council members Barsanti, Dunker and Thompson.

Absent – Mayor Woodall

Others Present: Interim City Manager Stretch, Finance Director Beauchaine, Police Chief Hill, Acting Director of Public Works Jensen, Winzler and Kelly Engineer Perry and Clerk Ralston.

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation Honoring Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day – Mayor Pro Tem Marks presented U.S. Army Veteran, John Lang, with the signed proclamation and thanked him for our veterans service to our country.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Thompson/Dunker to *Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Study Session, approve Correction to Numbering of Resolution No. 1070/1073-2010, and approve Authorizing the City Manager to Advertise for Bids for the Wildwood Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Improvement Project.*

Motion Carried 4-0

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

Approve Filing of an Application to California Department of Parks and Recreation for 2002 Bond Resources Act Funds in the amount of \$220,000; Approve Agreement with Winzler and Kelly for Scope of Work; and Approve Agreement with Rio Dell Fire District for Fireman's Park Restroom Project

Interim City Manager Stretch stated this bond was a familiar subject, and we now have all the pieces together to move forward and gave a brief update on the course of events that brought us to where we are at now. C.M. Stretch added that at the December 8, 2009 Joint Study Session of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission, the consensus was to give all the funds to the Fire Department for the construction of new bathrooms with the remaining funds to be used for play equipment.

Subsequently, Winzler and Kelly discovered additional guidelines for the Bond Act. C.M. Stretch explained that a Topographic and Right of Way Survey is needed, development of the Conceptual Designs is needed, and the Environmental Permitting (CEQA) will need to be addressed as well. He stated that there is currently no ADA parking and the steps to the park and hand rails are not ADA compliant either. These items will need to be upgraded as well. He went on to say, the electrical needs upgraded and if possible the irrigation system needs to be upgraded also.

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Mayor Pro Tem Marks asked if anyone had questions or comments. Fire Chief Wilson stated he was just anxious to see the project move forward.

Winzler and Kelly Engineer Perry explained the tasks in the Scope of Services and then suggested coordinating with the Fire Department to look at alternate ideas, suggesting they look at the big picture and then focus down from there.

Council member Dunker commented that out of a \$220,000 grant, "State and Government Waste" is taking \$60,000 away from the actual project for overhead, and he questioned the business as usual form of Government.

Motion made by Dunker/Barsanti to *Approve Filing of an Application to California Department of Parks and Recreation for 2002 Bond Resources Act Funds in the amount of \$220,000; Approve Agreement with Winzler and Kelly for Scope of Work; and Approve Agreement with Rio Dell Fire District for Fireman's Park Restroom Project.* **Motion Carried 4-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Lane inquired if the project would address ADA Parking. C.M. Stretch replied yes it will.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

C. M. Stretch advised Council that Anthony Micheli had filed an action against the City regarding the Minor Subdivision on Blue Slide Rd. and it had been forwarded to the City Attorney for his review. He also said, the City was going before LAFCO in the morning to begin the Annexation process for Scotia, and we have received the PERS actuary evaluation with two pages of questions. Stretch also said that he asked the State Parks Initiative people some questions about the \$18.00 per vehicle fee they want to see imposed, and he got zero response but suggests there are big holes in the information being provided.

C.M. Stretch gave a brief update on the microphones for Council Chambers explaining to do just their five would be close to \$2,000 and stated we could have them here by the next meeting, or we can wait and bring forward all the suggested items together including the quotes for all new microphones, carpeting, sound panels, and Access Humboldt. Council asked it all be brought back together. He finished by stating an architect was coming in two weeks pro bono to look at Council Chambers.

Acting Director of Public Works Jensen advised Council the gate at the end of Edwards Drive was installed, and we are waiting on signs before we starting locking the gate, and we fixed the drainage issue on Douglas and View.

Chief Hill added that the Police Department and the Public Works Department were going to be working together on locking and unlocking the gate. He also said he had talked to several businesses and outdoor enthusiasts about gate open and close hours and opening them at 6:00 AM and closing at 8:00 PM seemed to be the best choices. He added that some different agencies such as Rio Dell Fire, Dept. of Fish and Game, etc. will need a key to the gates as well.

Chief Hill finished by stating the new officer was doing well and he expects to have the other new office on duty next week.

Finance Director Beauchaine stated she had been very busy working on grant management, and EPA noticed us that we are being audited for ARRA compliance on the Brownfield's Grant, she was closing out the 2005 CDBG Grant and all the funds were used, and she was also working with Winzler and Kelly and Planwest Partners on Community Outreach for the Brownfield's Grant.

Beauchaine also stated the Audits were almost complete, and the mid-year budget review was also almost complete and she asked Council to set a date for a Budget Study Session. The Study Session was scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd at 5:00 PM.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Marks reported that the Humboldt Waste Management Authority was considering the acquisition of the Arcata Community Recycling Center processing facility in Samoa and was going to ask council to help decide how the City should vote. Also, Marks stated at the REDAC meeting they discussed how to best focus on County goals and it was suggested that perhaps the County should get behind a marketable label for pot.

Council member Thompson reported that RCEA took a NO stance against Prop. 16 the "New Two-Thirds Vote for Public Electricity Providers", and he suggested that Rio Dell also support the opposition to Prop.16 with a Resolution. Thompson also asked that Council authorize a letter of support for Home Star legislation to be sent to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Congressman Thompson.

C.M. Stretch asked Council member Thompson if he wanted these items placed on the next meeting agenda, to which Thompson replied yes.

Finance Director Beauchaine wanted to add to her report that we had been notified by the Housing and Community Development Department that our Master Drainage Plan grant application had been denied as our housing element was not finished before we submitted our application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor Pro Temp Marks announced the Council would be adjourning to Closed Session to discuss the Public Employee Appointment – Title: City Manager (Government Code Section 54957) and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, the Council adjourned to closed session at 7:09 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 P.M. Mayor Pro Temp announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Melissa Marks, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Carla Ralston, Clerk